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DEAR MR. WILSON:

I AM IN RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF 31 JAN 1978 WITH 24 ITEMS ENCLOSED. IT IS MOST GRATIFYING TO RECEIVE THE FIRST THREE ITEMS WHICH I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO SECURE FOR OVER FOUR YEARS. THESE STATE DEPARTMENT DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN VERY ELUSIVE. IT IS OF GREAT SATISFACTION TO ME TO KNOW THAT YOUR AGENCY HAS THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT CONCERNING

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IN REGARDS TO APPEAL OF DELETED MATERIAL, I DO NOT CONTEMPLATE ANY PROBLEMS CONCERNING YOUR DELETIONS. I WOULD, HOWEVER, RESERVE MY RIGHT TO APPEAL ON MATERIAL NOT PROVIDED AND POSSIBLY SOME DELETIONS. IT IS MY FEELING THAT MOST APPEALS CAN BE ELIMINATED BY INFORMAL QUESTIONING OF THE DELETIONS. I WOULD ASK THAT POSSIBLY [REDACTED] COULD ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CONCERNING SOME OF THE 24 ITEMS YOU HAVE FORWARDED TO ME. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE PROPOUNDED AS TO YOUR ITEM NUMBER.

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2 THE FIRST PAGE INDICATED AT THE BOTTOM THAT THIS ITEM STARTS AT PAGE 111 AND ENDS WITH PAGE 116. GENERALLY WHAT DID THE 110 PAGES BEFORE AND PAGES AFTER THE [REDACTED] PROFILE CONTAIN? COULD YOU PROVIDE THE COVER SHEET THAT PRECEDED THE PROFILE?

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IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS ITEM IS A DRAFT AND NOT THE FINAL REPORT. DO YOU HAVE THE FINAL REPORT, KNOW OF ITS EXISTANCE. LOCATION AND OR RETENTION?

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3 THIS DOCUMENT ALSO INDICATES THAT THERE SHOULD BE A COVER SHEET LISTING DOCUMENT NUMBERS, ETC. PLEASE FORWARD THE COVER SHEET.

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4 THIS ITEM AS IN MANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CONTAINS THE LETTERS S.O.I.F.B.I.S. WHAT DO THESE INITIALS MEAN?

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16 WHY WOULD AN "OFFICE" REQUEST A NAME CHECK ON A PERSON AND WHAT IS A NAME CHECK? WHAT IS MEANT BY "DO NOT EXCEED THE REQUESTING AGENCIES..."?

WHERE ARE THE RESULTS OF THAT NAME CHECK?

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you ② 17 WHAT IS A "COVERT NAME CHECK" AND WHY WOULD SUCH A CHECK BE PERFORMED ON [ ] WHERE ARE THE RESULTS OF THAT CHECK? STAT

③ 18 WHY IS THE ID # FOR [ ] DIFFERENT FROM THE ID # IN ITEM (17) WHICH IS [ ] WHAT DOES THE "C" AFTER THE ID NUMBER MEAN? STAT

④ 19 DO ANY OF THE EXCISED PORTIONS MENTION [ ] WHAT DOES [ ] MEAN? IS THE MEMORANDUM CONCERNED WITH THE PLANNING OF THE INVASION OF HAITI AND/OR A CBS NEWS DOCUMENTARY? STAT

⑤ 20 WAS THE ENTIRE MEMORANDUM DIRECTED TO A REQUEST FROM DADE COUNTY OFFICIALS? WERE THOSE OFFICIALS THE DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT? WHY WOULD A "HANDWRITTEN NOTE" OF [ ] DEATH BE PLACED IN HIS FILE RATHER THAN A TYPED MEMO OR NEWS CLIPPING? WITHIN THE EXCISED PORTIONS DO THE CONTENTS REFER TO [ ] TO [ ] STAT

⑥ 21 THIS ITEM SEEMS TO BE INCOMPLETE. IS THERE ANY PAPERWORK THAT INITIATED THIS ITEM? WHY WAS THIS ITEM GENERATED? STAT

⑦ 22 THE DATE OF THIS ITEM FOLLOWS BY THREE DAYS YOUR RECEIPT OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE US COAST GUARD CONCERNING A POSSIBLE INVASION OF CUBA ETC. [ ] IS THIS ITEM IN RESPONSE TO THAT USCG COMMUNICATION? WHY IS THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF AN INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED IN SUCH AN INCIDENT IMPORTANT? STAT

⑧ 23 ITEM 23 IS A ROUTING SLIP! WHAT WAS IT ATTACHED? WHY WAS IT GENERATED AND WHERE IS THE MATERIAL THAT THE SLIP WAS USED TO ROUTE? FBI doc

⑨ 24 WHERE IS REFERENCE (1) MEMO? IS [ ] NAME [ ] MENTIONED IN THE EXCISED PORTIONS? Don't know STAT

AS A GENERAL GUIDE TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF IN REGARDS TO MY REQUESTS AND QUESTIONS, PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT I AM OBTAINING THIS INFORMATION FOR HISTORICAL PURPOSES. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE DATES, PLACE AND PERSONAL NAMES, AND REASONS FOR THE INITIATION OF DOCUMENTS.

IN REGARDS TO PERSONAL NAMES, I BELIEVE THAT THE TEST OF RELEASE UNDER (b) (6) WOULD BE "UNWARRANTED INVASION OF PRIVACY".

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THE RELEASE OF A NAME, I SUGGEST, WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE "UNWARRANTED".

I DO NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE THE AGENCY, ITS TECHNIQUES, INFORMANTS, ETC. I DO ASK FOR LIBERAL RELEASE OF NAMES OF THOSE NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE AGENCY AND LIBERAL RELEASE OF DATES AND DESCRIPTIONS OF INCIDENTS. THE PRIVACY ACT (5 USC 552a) ONLY COVERS "CITIZENS" AND RESIDENT ALIENS. THIS INTERPRETATION IS ALSO HELD BY THE CHIEF COUNSEL OF THE US IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE, MR. JOHN C. MIDANEK. THEREFORE THE PRIVACY ACT DOES NOT COVER PERSONS ON VISAS, PAROLEES, OR FOREIGNERS. IF YOU DESIRE TO VERIFY THE STATUS OF ANY CUBAN MENTIONED IN ANY OF THE MATERIAL I AM REQUESTING YOU MAY CALL [REDACTED] HE HAS INDICATED TO ME THAT HE WOULD TRY TO VERIFY THE IMMIGRATION STATUS FOR YOU. STAT

TO THIS POINT IN MY FOIA REQUEST, I HAVE BEEN VERY MUCH SATISFIED AS TO THE WAY YOU HAVE HANDLED MY QUERIES. I AM EXTREMELY IMPRESSED WITH YOUR RECORD KEEPING AND MAINTAIN A HIGH RESPECT FOR YOUR AGENCY. STAT

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